

**District V Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
December 01, 2008**
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The **District V Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse, 443 S. 135th St. W. In attendance were eleven (11) District Advisory Board members, six (6) staff and approximately four (4) citizens with four (4) signing in.

Members Present

Councilman Jeff Longwell
Mike Hill
Joey Ellzey
Jay Buckmaster
Bryan Frye
Wendi White
Dana Brown
Mike Bell
Pat Ream
Jay Flinn
Logan Fritz

Staff Present

Officer Robin Douty, WPD
Battalion Chief Mike Maddox, WFD
Dale Miller, Planning
Sharon Dickgrafe, Law
Kay Johnson, Environmental Services
Megan Buckmaster, Neighborhood Assistant

Members Absent

Darrell Leffew
Kelly Watkins

Guests

Listed on last page

Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 01, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion was made to approve the agenda for the January 05, 2009 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items

No items scheduled

2. Off Agenda items

No items presented

Action: Receive and file

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Officer Robin Douty, CP, reported on beats 16, 18, 19, and 199.

- ✓ National Night Out: The City of Wichita and the Wichita Police Department moved from a 10th place ranking in 2007 to 5th place ranking in 2008 for their Nat'l Night Out program by the National Association of Town Watch.
- ✓ 734 N Ridge (Central and Ridge) - apartment complex us under new management. In the past this complex has been known to renting to gang members and criminals. The new management is attempting to "clean up" and remove these tenants. The WPD is assisting with this effort.
- ✓ The Silver Spring/ Raintree Apartments on Ridge have had an increase in vehicle break- ins where valuables were in sight. A "Bait truck" was put at these locations to try and "lure" the thieves. There has been some success with this.
- ✓ On 1/5/2009 a suspicious call came into the station that a white Chevy pick up truck was seen at Maybell and Seville. Inside were two white males wearing hoodies that fit the character description of the auto thieves in the area. License plate is very close to RMW-173. If you see this vehicle please call the police.

Action: Receive and file.

4. Wichita Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Mike Maddox and Lieutenant Randy Scott, WFD, stood for questions.

Bryan Frye asked about the new Fire Station construction timeline.

Responded that due to several construction delays the completion date is now set for late spring.

Old Business

2.ZON2008-00061/CUP2008-00044

Dale Miller, Planning, stood for questions as no new information was presented. DAB members were provided with photos of the 14 foot wall that raised concerns at the December 01, 2008 meeting and were informed that the Maize school District had no objection to the project.

Joey Ellzey thanked the agent for the applicant for providing DAB members with the photos and Maize District information.

A motion to recommend Council approve the project per staff recommendation was made. The motion passed 9-0.

Action: Move forward to Council for vote.

New Business

1. EPA Grant

Jack Brown, KU School of Medicine-Wichita, presented on the Environmental Protection Agency CARE Grant. The purpose of the grant is not to focus on or increase enforcement efforts, but to gather real environmental concerns from the community and address those concerns through awareness and education provided by the EPA. Brown spoke of the various community focus groups being set up throughout the city. These discussions are to gain input from citizens about their environmental concerns such as air quality, water quality and solid waste. Once community data is collected, the next step is to apply for a \$300,000 grant to start the awareness and education phase.

Bryan Frye asked about the “focus area” map provided in the handout. **Brown** responded that for the grant submission the grant committee wanted a designated focus area targeted. This does not limit them to staying in that focus area. They will gather information from all areas in the city.

Action: Receive & File

2. Club Ordinance Draft

Sharon Dickgrafe, Dept. of Law, presented on the proposed changes to Ordinance 3.28, 4.04, 4.12, & 4.16 of the city code regarding Entertainment Establishments & Drinking Establishments.

Below are questions/ concerns posed by the board followed by **Dickgrafe’s responses:**

Will existing establishments not meeting the 300 foot rule, be grandfathered? **Yes**

Has the city looked at a city liquor tax? **Not known**

What is the new proposed license fee? **Could not locate in notes at time, it will be looked at by the City- most likely higher.**

Is it still a rule that off duty police officers cannot be used for security in businesses that sell alcohol? **Yes**

Who was involved in drafting the ordinance changes? **OCI, Law, Planning, ES/ Health, Police, DAB members.**

Does the city track these” club owners” that continually open clubs and shut them down rather quickly? **We do not control the land lords that rent to these club owners. The city does know of 8-10 “violators” and we watch them. With the ordinance changes on the horizon, staff will look at applications more diligently.**

Are these applicants’ individuals or corporations? **Corporations mostly.**

What kinds of background checks are available to land lords as they are renting to “club” operators? **Land lords can request information from licensing. They can also call Municipal Court for information, as well as the Secretary of State to see the # of incorporated business’s applied for in past 6 months.**

Does the city have the authority to shut these clubs down? **The city has to follow the state laws. The City does have authority under the nuisance provision ordinance if complaints are received and violations are identified.**

A motion to recommend Council approve the ordinance amendments dealing with establishments that sell cereal malt beverage or alcohol and to recommend Council adopt ordinances to regulate Entertainment Establishments was made. Motion passed 9-0

Action: Recommend Council approve ordinance amendments dealing with establishments that sell cereal malt beverage or alcohol. Recommend Council adopt ordinances to regulate Entertainment Establishments.

**3. Design Council Presentation
Speaker had not arrived.**

Board Agenda

Board Updates and Issues

CM Longwell:

- ✓ Recommended DAB members contact WPD for a police ride a long if interested.
- ✓ Save the date for the Mayor’s State of the City Address on Tuesday, January 27th, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

The Central and Tyler construction project has been activated again and will hopefully be completed ahead of schedule. The biggest part of the reconstruction was to address storm sewer infrastructure due to some past flooding issues in the area.

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- ✓ Added comments about construction of the new Fire Station at 135th and West 21st St. As soon as the meeting room is completed the DAB meetings will take place there.

Return to Off Agenda items

Kay Johnson, Environmental Services, spoke about the upcoming FREE Wichita Regional Energy Conference and Fair on Saturday, January 31 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the WSU Hughes Metropolitan Complex. At the conference one can learn how to save energy, money and the environment. The conference includes an expert lineup of speakers to discuss topics such as home weatherization, energy efficient remodeling, new home construction techniques, wind and solar energy, and the legislative climate for energy efficiency in Kansas.

Action: Receive and file.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Buckmaster, Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Mark Cassell	1311 Bridgewater Court
Homer Price	8154 W 16 th
Jack Brown	1364 N. Cardington
Stan Childs	1376 Bridgewater Court